

THEY SAW THE CIRCUS.

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"Forget-Me-Not" at the Theatre Scored a Decided Triumph and "Clothing" Will Be Presented This Evening.

"The Country Circus" is a great success. It was presented at the Mozart Academy of Music last evening to a crowded house, and in the audience could be seen many who are supposed to be Lenten devils. The audience was what might be considered fashionable.

The first act of the performance draws just the slightest bit, but then the audience is perfectly willing to suffer that boredom for what comes after.

It remains for the third act to give startling and realistic effects. The curtain rises on a scene representing the outside of a circus tent, and the tough ticket-seller who is ready at all times to "give him" anybody from a person to a street urchin, is interpreted wonderfully well. His dialogue is perfectly irresistible when he argues with the country "hayseed," and the man who takes the ticket reminds one forcibly of the genus homo we see at the circus.

Then the parade takes place, and if one's imagination is allowed to travel over untrodden paths, it is easy to see an excellent parade, like unto Barnum's. There were band-wagons, and ladies on horseback, and Shetland ponies, and animals, and human beings, and all sorts of things with the initials S. P. Q. R., and all sorts of things with animals, and everything else that goes to make up an attractive circus parade.

And in the fourth act the circus was presented. The lady in the pink was a "stunner" jumped over all sorts of ribbons and hoops; the clown told jokes that were really new; the trapeze artists balanced in all conceivable poses, and the black-wire walked with her eyes blindfolded.

The entire company well performed the parts laid out for them, and the performance, as a whole, is one of the best ever seen in Richmond. The audience was enthusiastic in its applause, and many of the artists who participated were forced to respond to enclosures.

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His entrance as Stephanie de Mohriart, the adventures, in "Forget-Me-Not" was the signal for a hearty reception, while her impersonation of a woman working in domestic service, and the world forced spontaneous recognition in the shape of applause and accolades.

The play itself is a strong literary production, the story of which is familiar to the part of Stephanie the light and shadows of her own strong individuality, a mingling of comedy, pathos and tragedy, and the picture is as complete as the author could well have wished it.

Harry Mahall made a strong Sir Horace Wilby. The beauty of his work lay in his perfect ease, good voice and polished manners. Estha (Vilma) played "Alice" superbly, in fact, the entire company is very strong.

To-night Sardou's masterpiece, "Clothing," will be given, and as the performance is given for the benefit of the Texas table, and the affair has been taken care of by numbers of the prominent leaders of the city, it will be advisable to secure reserve seats early.

At the matinee "Forget-Me-Not" will be repeated, and the engagement will close on Saturday with the production of Balzac's "La Belle Russe."

Miss Lewis and her company are first-class, and the patrons of the Theatre, who enjoy artistic work, should not fail to see the balance of the performances.

WANT SPARKS REMOVED. The Georgia Southern and Florida Railway in Court Again.

MAON, GA., Feb. 23.—A petition for the removal of W. B. Sparks as receiver of the Georgia Southern and Florida railroad came up for hearing in the superior court before Judge Jenkins to-day. Mr. Sparks was appointed receiver in 1891, and since that time has been the subject of the road. At a meeting of bondholders some time ago held in Baltimore the committee appointed to investigate the affairs and report thereon appeared to be satisfied, and the committee reported to the bondholders that the receiver was to be removed. Mr. Sparks was president, and of which the Georgia Southern and Florida was a part. Messrs. Guinn, and Hall, of Macon, and Hon. A. O. Bacon represent the receiver and the road. Messrs. Hoke Smith and Dossau represent the bondholders and the trustees. The hearing will last several days, and the committee will be called on to report on the bondholders' petition for the removal of Mr. Sparks as receiver of the road. The committee will be called on to report on the bondholders' petition for the removal of Mr. Sparks as receiver of the road. The committee will be called on to report on the bondholders' petition for the removal of Mr. Sparks as receiver of the road.

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Thomas Cobb Jackson's suicide is probably the greatest sensation Atlanta has ever known. He and his father had just reached home from their office. Captain Jackson, who was in the city, was a short distance from the report of a suicide was heard. Going back he found his son dead. He had been despondent for several days. This was largely due to overwork. He and Lewis Redwine, the defendant in the case, were unbalanced by Redwine's troubles.

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